

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace paragraph 1, on page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,584, filed December 20, 2001, entitled "Endovascular Graft Joint and Method for Manufacture", by Chobotov et al., and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,559, filed December 20, 2001, entitled "Advanced Endovascular Graft", by Chobotov et al., and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,557, filed December 20, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Manufacturing an Endovascular Graft Section", by Chobotov et al. All of the above applications are commonly owned and were filed on even date herewith. All of the above applications are hereby incorporated by reference, each in their entirety.--